



Statement: Acrylates/ C10-30 Alkyl Acrylate Crosspolymer

(Calw, June 2017) Acrylate polymers are produced from alkyl esters of acrylic acid (C10-C30), acrylic acid, methyl acrylic acid and/or other acrylate polymers. The ingredient is used as a thickening agent to stabilize emulsions and gels. It improves product consistency and stability, especially in products that do not contain emulsifiers.

ANNEMARIE BÖRLIND Sun Fluid SPF 20 and DADO SENS Sun Gels SPF 25 and SPF 15 all contain acrylate polymers. They are sun protection products that are suitable for people who are allergic to the sun. This target group must use sun protection products that do not contain oils or emulsifiers. In these sun gels, acrylates are an essential ingredient for achieving stability and homogeneous distribution of the UV filter. At present, there is no alternative to this excipient.

Unfortunately, acrylates belong to the “microplastics” group. Until now, microplastics only included solid plastics – i.e., plastic particles – that are smaller than 5 mm and used in exfoliants. Now liquid plastics such as acrylates are also considered microplastics.

Börlind GmbH is not in favor of microplastics. No Börlind products have ever contained plastic particles. Because the sun protection products listed above contain liquid plastic, the company has decided to remove them from its product line.

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